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PEOPLE-OWNED PLANTS PRODUCE
GASKETS, DIESEL ENGINES, TRACTORS

MANUFACTURES COPPER GASKETS -- Neues Deutschland, 23 Jul 49

The people-owned factory in Annaberg-Buchholz, which produces circular copper gaskets, is the only factory in the Soviet Zone producing all types of gaskets for motor vehicles and other means of transportation.

During the first 6 months of 1949 the plant produced 88.5 percent as much as the entire 1946 output.

The plant is handicapped by an inadequate supply of material, but with proper planning it would be in a position to increase its output 100 percent.

PRODUCES DIESEL MOTORS, WIND-DRIVEN MACHINES -- Neues Deutschland, 20 Jul 49

Construction of Diesel engines is the most important project listed on the 1949 work schedule of the people-owned Wind-Driven Power Plant and Machinery Plant of Rostock-Marlenehe. The program also calls for construction of 28 net winches for luggers, with a traction power of 4 tons and a motive force of 60 horsepower; presses for the production of automobile tires; various automatic machines for the manufacture of dowels; and wind-driven generators for electric lighting and wind-driven turbines.

An additional plant is being built in Schwaan.

MAKES SUBSTITUTE FOR MANGANESE STEEL -- Neues Deutschland, 26 Jun 49

It is reported from Erfurt that the Oberes Schwarzatal Machine Factory, a people-owned plant in Katzhütte, has succeeded in producing a case-hardened casting that is an adequate substitute for the manganese steels which are no longer available.

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Sixty one of the heaviest type of machines for export have already been produced from the new material, which compares favorably with manganese steel as to quality and load.

COLLECTS OXYGEN CYLINDERS -- Neues Deutschland, 9 Jul 49

In June 1949, an appeal was issued to all industrial enterprises to place oxygen cylinders at the disposal of the Riesa Steel and Rolling Mills.

The SED (Socialist Unity Party) factory group of the Reichel Textile Mill in Hohenstein-Ernstthal immediately mobilized the plant's workers and within a short time obtained ten oxygen cylinders to be turned over to the mill in Riesa.

RETURN NILES FACTORY TO EAST GERMAN ECONOMY -- Neues Deutschland, 7 Jul 49

In the summer of 1949, the Soviet authorities returned the Niles Works in Berlin-Weissensee to the economy of Soviet Zone Germany.

The plant produces pneumatic hammers and grinding machines for gear tooth flanges for domestic consumption and export.

MANUFACTURES FARM TRACTORS -- Neues Deutschland, 9 Jul 49

On 1 July 1949, the people-owned tractor plant at Nordhausen began production of TFA farm tractors.

ASSOCIATION MOVES HEADQUARTERS TO BERLIN -- Neues Deutschland, 9 Jul 49

VEM (Volkseigener Elektro-Maschinenbau, People-Owned Electrical Machinery Construction), the zonal association of people-owned electrical machinery construction plants, is to transfer its headquarters from Leipzig to Berlin the middle of July 1949.

The transfer was necessitated by the fact that the key shops of the association are located in the vicinity of Berlin.

The VEM plants are engaged chiefly in the manufacture of electric motors, generators, transformers, electrical hand-boring machines, testing equipment, and X-ray equipment.

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